

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment and Response, original claims 1- 20 were pending in the Application. Herein, claims 4-5, 9, 16, and 19 were amended, and no claims were added or cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-20 will remain pending in the Application. Entry of this Amendment, reconsideration, and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 19 and 20 in paragraph 8 of the Office Action, and the indication in paragraph 9 that claims 4-15 and 17-18 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. As described below, the Examiner's objections to various of these claims have been addressed in this Amendment, and they are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Objections to the Specification

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Specification was objected to because on page 1, line 6 and line 7, attorney docket number was used to refer to a related Application instead of the application serial number (which was not available at the filing of the instant Application). In response, the Specification has been amended to correctly recite the serial number of the related application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

In paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 19 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 for lacking sufficient antecedent basis for limitation of a "first packet data system logical layer". In response, Applicants have amended claim 19 to correct the typographical error recite "local" instead of "logical", thereby providing the necessary antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

In paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by *Forslow* (WO 99/16266). Applicants respectfully traverse. Regardless of the way in which Fig. 2 is drawn, *Forslow* does not disclose the integration of two packet-data systems. Rather, a packet-switched GPRS network and a circuit-switched PLMN are both accessible (as it typical) through the same dispersed base stations of the cellular communication system. *Forslow* does include a decision in individual sessions of whether to use the packet-switched network or the circuit-switched network (see block 64 of fig. 4), but this does not amount to the integration of two packet-switched systems that, when the present invention is advantageously applied, each contribute desirable packet-switching attributes.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully suggest that claims 1, 2, and 16 are not anticipated by *Forslow*. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

In paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action, claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) over the combination of *Forslow* and Lupien (U.S. Pat. No. 6,389,008). In response, Applicants note that claim 3 depends from claims 1 and 2, distinguished above, and is therefore distinguishable for the same reasons. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 3 is also respectfully requested.

Claim Objections – Allowable Claims

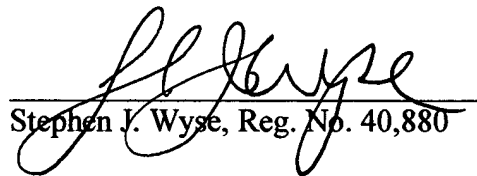
In paragraph 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 4-15 and 17-18 and being dependent on rejected base claims. In response, without acquiescing in the rejection of the base claims, Applicants have rewritten claims 4, 5, and 17 in independent form. For this reason, Applicants believe that this objection has been overcome and that claims 4-15 and 17-18 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments and arguments described above, Applicants respectfully suggest that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance; accordingly allowance of claims 1-20 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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